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In the Application of:

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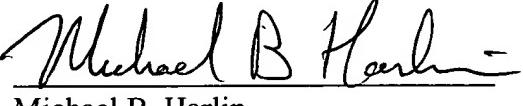
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**SUBMISSION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
 AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 31, 2006, the Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendments and consideration of the Response on the merits. This Amendment and Response is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. Under the three-month shortened statutory period for reply, Applicants response was due on January 31, 2006, now extended two (2) months to March 31, 2007.

Amendments to the Drawing begins on page 2 of this paper;
Amendments to the Specification begins on page 3 of this paper;
Amendments to the Claims begin on page 8 of this paper; and
Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.